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At the very beginning of their sesgion, we wish to present to the mem-

We now realize that the mental idual alone, but is part of a degennd that from generation to genera-

nd grandchildren of a notorious old who, himself the offspring of a emenerate line, married a feebleborn six children, all of whom suffered ing a single child of this unhappy

Experience has likewise shown that the feeble-minded are of all the most

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

promised and long delayed seem near of the Currency.

claims of a class, which, pathetic in the legislators to do their duty. Not citizen of Richmond and every Virstitutes a very serious menace to the izing diffidence, not with careless dis- half. mental health and bodily vigor of the regard of the future, but boldly, con- aided by political considerations-have These are our feeble-minded-"God's oral Assembly face its problems.

d infest the dumps and wan- justment of our tax code, in keeping racy in the place of strictly representative government.

1912 with the measure tha finally passed the Senate, will make plain in all its unpalatable nakedness.

Of the enabling act we shall not for three generations this mental pressed their opinion in practical in- service. weakness has persisted without spar- structions to their representatives. of these women, in their mental weak. man must walk carefully as he seeks nalist, and Walt Whitman, poet. ness and their deprayity, have been the to determine the answer of Virginia of . The best that can be said for this

After these rank a number of other smallness of the critic

A better beginning for the operaoff the shackles of carpet-bag rule have tion of the new Federal reserve act the people of the State looked to the could not be made than to nominate meeting of the General Assembly with John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, more expectant interest. Reforms long for the important post of Comptroller

mission will be generally approved for the reason that it was eminently deserved.

Since his appointment in 1908, Judge Rhea has chiefly directed the assessments made by the commission, and has shown diligence and judgment in his work. Largely through his efforts, the assessment of mineral lands, which was long a farce, has been placed on a sound and equitable footing. By his endeavors, also, the assessment of railroad property has been improved and in some measure equalized. Fully acquainted with the routine of his office and familiar with the problems he is called upon to solve, Judge Rhea begins his second term on the commission, the Committee on the commission of the Legislature attributes the descape of General Morgan to negligence, due to a misunderstanding botween the civil and military officers of the penitentiary.

A Mrs. Howard, of Russell County, Alta, learning that there was an order granting a furlough for the husbands and friends of ladies who should cause to be arrested any deserter from our army, succeeded last Tuesday in having two deserters from the army at Savannah arrested, and they are now held in custody by Major Howard's Battalion, at Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Howard's husband is in General Lee's army. We do not know that there is any such order on record, but sincerely hope this lady's husband, who, we learn, is a good soldier, shall be granted a good long furlough.

Confederate Congress.

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one of whom is normal! And some the maintenance of law. Surely every coln, statesman; Horace Greeley, jour-

numerous children of feeble-minded and by no means less interesting prob- | Some of the names included are those parents are constant recruits for our lems—the better health of our people of men great by the eternal standard,

WHAT WAS NEWS HIFTY YEARS AGO

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in more expectant interest. Reforms long a promised and long delayed seem near fulialment, hopes deferred have been rekindicd; 2,000,000 Virginians watch their representatives assemble to make the chart by which, for the next two years, will be guided the course of the Commonwealth.

And the people look with interest, not only because they expect the General Assembly and of opportunities that loom largeburdent but because the voters of Virginia are awakened to the conselousness of burdens that weigh heavily and of opportunities that loom largeburdent that may be removed by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be memoved by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be memoved by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be memoved by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be removed by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be removed by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be removed by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be removed by the application of knewn principles, opportunities that may be ment by earn, east endeavor and unselfish labor. Public sentiment, as never in the past, entiletiended and unified, expects the representatives of the people to meet the needs of Virginia look to the legislators to do their duity. Not will be provided to the conservation of the future which the provided that the provided that

the Union.

The Governor of Ohio in his annual

Confederate Congress.

In the Senate, Mr. Caperton, of Virginia, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill, which was passed, staying the sequstration of certain property donated by James F. Sheppard, an alien enemy, for the support of his relatives, William M. Bowles, Richard Bowles and other citizens of

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Rhodes, librarian.

From Knexville.

A letter from a lady in Knoxville says; "It was a great disappointment that Longstreet did not take Knoxville. The Vankees say Knoxville is more strongly fortified than Vicksburg ever was. There is nothing here to sell or buy except what the settlers bring in Everything is scarce and high."

Directors Elected.

At the regular annual meeting of the



A FOREIGN VISITOR'S IMPRESSION OF OUR MUNICIPAL ART.

By John I'. McCutcheon.

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Views of Our Legislators on Virginia's Needs

Measures Which Will Be Urged in the General Assembly

The Times-Dispatch has addressed to the members of the coming General Assembly a request for their views on a number of important questions that will come before them. In these columns we print from day to day the answers members have forwarded.

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